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-Louis D. Brandeis

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A silhouetted Debbie Ronedau records a flute track during a taping session at Philo Records. The completed album will consist almost entirely of St. Michael's students and faculty under the musical direction of Steven Warner. Story and more photos on

# SMC eyes expansion

by Barbara Nagy

If the dorm St. Michael's College plans to build this summer is well accepted by students, the college will probably build three more, according to Antonio Pomerleau.

facilities and personnel committee of the board of trustees, said he is sure students will be pleased with the building.

He said it is "simple, attractive and functionable" and will provide a "home atmosphere" that the traditional dorms do

According to Director ot Residence Halls Lewis M. Whitney, \$40,000 is being spent on furnishings.

Whitney said the furniture was ordered April 4 and should be here sometime this summer. The building is being financed through a loan from a local bank. Pomerleau refused to identify the bank.

F.A. Evans, a Troy, N.Y. architect, originally designed the building for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy. Students there liked the building so RPI built more of them, Pomerleau said.

If St. Michael's builds more, the four buildings would form a square, possibly with a classroom building in the middle and corridors connecting it with the dorms. The center building could be used for classes and meetings, he explained.

Pomerleau said the college decided to build a new dorm instead of continuing to use North Campus buildings because the cost of renovating the older buildings would equal (continued on page 3)

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# Three students nabbed in raid

by Brian J. Anders **News Editor** 

Three St. Michael's students were arrested last week on charges of sale of controlled drugs, after a female undercover police officer purchased one-and-one-half ounces of cocaine at their house.

The cocaine purchased at the Winooski address was said to be worth more than \$1000. It was later discovered that the money used to purchase the drugs was appropriated without the approval of the Winooski City Council.

The three students arrested on April 5 were: Thomas Mastroberand, William M. Quigley, and Mark D. Teti. All lived at 70 Union St., in Winooski. Police found in the apartment a half-pound of marijuana, and undisclosed amounts of LSD and quaaludes.

When reached Monday, Winooski police said they also planned one more arrest. The student's name was given as Mitchel F. Gerry, of Linnehan Hall.

Chief of Security George Clarke said that he had been working with the local authorities on this case for a few months. "Over the last few months, the local police, with our assistance, have been investigating this illegal drug trafficking." Clarke said that St. Michael's security force had begun the investigation, and local authorities were called in when they realized the scope

As stories of the arrests spread around the SMC campus, people began to anticipate a raid, or a room search for controlled substances. There are two reasons why students were worried about this.

The first is a section in the student guide which states, ... the college reserves the right to have the Dean of Students or his designee inspect any room at any time, preferably with at least one occupant present."

and comes from the student

housing and meal contract. "The college reserves the right, without search warrant, to conduct an inspection or search of any student's room at any time with the approval of the Dean of Student Affairs."

Director of Student Life Mike Samara attempted to allay some student fears at the April 11 senaté meeting. He said St. Michael's wants to "handle its in-house problems in-house." There will be no random searches of student's rooms, and no surveillance of students, he said. He plans to meet Friday with student leaders to discuss the problem.

According to Marilyn Nadeau of the Vermont chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, there is not really much that can be done, because the school does own the room. "If security people should see contraband (while looking for something else), they cannot take it."

Jane Watson-Kilpatrick of the Burlington Public Defender's office said that the validity of a random search would depend on the circumstances. question is whether this (the search) can legitimately be done." The sentence in the housing contract could be, in her ppinion, a waiver on student's right to privacy, as it relates to searches.

Sergeant Payne of the Winooski Police Department said that, as far as his department was concerned, this will be the extent of the arrests. He said, "We have nothing really significant on any others, at least not enough to prosecute

## Alumni thefts valued at \$1,700

by Neal Muse

Approximatly \$1,700 worth of stereo and camera equipment was stolen from the north wing of second floor Alumni Hall during Easter vacation. Items stolen included a Miida stereo receiver, JVC turntable, SX 850 Pioneer 65 watt receiver, OHM-L speakers, a Nikon 35 millimeter camera and telephoto lens, plus other stereophonic equipment.

The thefts took place in three rooms that are very close together. There were no signs that the rooms were forcibly entered. George R. Clarke, St. Michael's chief of security, said that the thief was after particular articles because he or she left other valuables behind such as a portable television set and a typewriter. Clarke also stated that the security department and detectives from the Colchester Police Department have been vigorously investigating the thefts on a day to day basis since the students reported them.

According to Clarke, the items were stolen either when the students departed their rooms for vacation and other students had not yet left or they were taken during vacation from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday when the loading zone door was unlocked for maintenance personnel. Clarke emphasized that he was not insinuating that maintenance personnel were responsible for the thefts. He said the building was secured except for these hours. Security officers checked the buildings on each shift to make certain the doors were locked. There were no reports that the locked doors were broken into, according to Clarke.

To prevent future break-ins Clarke hopes that all doors to a building, especially the loading zone door, will be locked during a vacation.

# On campus

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 p.m., Fire and Rescue banquet, Alliot cafe. 8 p.m., play by SMC students, "Good Woman of Setzuan," Mc-Carthy Arts Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8 p.m., Purtill party.

8 p.m., play by SMC students, "Good Woman of Setzuan," Mc-Carthy Arts Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

No events listed.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

No events listed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 p.m., Student senate meeting, Science 107.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 p.m., Dr. William Alter, guest speaker, Science 107.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 p.m., Student production, "Under the Floorboards," Herrouet Theatre.

## News briefs

Information on summer programs abroad and summer employment (especially camp jobs) is available in the Student Resource Center in Klein.

A \$50 reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for vandalizing a Free Press machine the weekend of March 17-19. Contact Paul Orzech, district sales manager for the Free Press, at 863-3441.

The film "Family Medicine" will be shown Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 at the Alumni House of the University of Vermont.

Study skills workshops began Thursday, April 13 in the Student Resource Center but openings are still available. Five sessions will be scheduled over the next two weeks. There is a fee of \$5 for materials. Register by calling extension 2547.

Carol Muske will give a poetry reading in the Klein Faculty Lounge on April 17 at 8 p.m. She has been the assistant editor of Antaeus and has taught at New York University, the University of California at Irvine, and Columbia University. In 1978-79 she will be a member of the faculty of the University of New Hampshire. In 1976 and 1977 she was involved in the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. She has been active in the poetry-in-the-prisons program in New York state and is the author of Camouflage. The reading is free and open to the public.

A lecture about solar energy will be given by Mike Levesque, a 1975 SMC graduate and vice president of Vulcan Solar Industries. The lecture will be April 18 at 4 p.m. in the Herrouet Theater.

Students interested in a law career are invited to attend a meeting of the pre-law committee at 6:30 on Wednesday, in J46. Topics include: preparation for law school, law school admissions, and the LSAT. Juniors are urged to attend and to sign up for the test to be given on July 15. Deadline for applications is June 15. Applications are available from members of the pre-law committee: Dr. E. Cannon, SH102; Mr. J. Hughes, SH103; Dr. C. Kaplan, J206; Dr. N. Kuntz, SH6; Mr. R. McDowell, SH105; Dr. J. Ross, S122; and Rev. R. VanderWeel, Nicole Hall.

Those interested in being student advisors during the 1978 freshman orientation can pick up an application in the admissions office in Klein. Orientation begins Saturday, Sept. 2. Advisors must arrive on campus Friday, Sept. 1. All advisors must attend a meeting in the Alliot Lounge at 6:30 on Monday, April 24. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 21. Questions can be answered by Jacki Murphy in the admissions office.

# GPA, rathskellar bill dominate S.A. interests

by Ruth Lethbridge

Student Life Committee Chairman Donna Tyrrell informed the student senate at their April 4 meeting that the faculty had voted down, by a 3-1 margin, a motion to exempt the class of 1979 from the new GPA levels required for honors.

Following the recommendation of the senate, Tyrrell had presented the faculty with a letter stressing the difficulties presented to the two classes by changing the requirements.

For example, juniors with a present GPA of 3.8 who would be able to obtain summa cum laude under the old levels would now be unable to.

Ed Curvino, a member of the student life committee who cosigned the letter to the faculty, explained to the senate that they had the option of going before the trustees' educational policy committee. Since there were no objections to the idea, the student life committee decided to do so.

Curvino stressed that the decision not to exempt the juniors was not an administrative one. "The decision was made by the faculty", Curvino said, "and while they may be very lenient with themselves, they are a stubborn bunch of individuals and have proven themselves totally unresponsive to the student body us a whole".

Tyrrell also announced that the new student guide had been completed and approved by the governance committee. Tyrrell commended her committee for its hard work and said she hoped to present the new guide to the trustees at their May meeting.

Senate moderator Don Sutton announced to a standing ovation that, despite a last-minute attempt to stop it, the Rathskellar bill was now on the governor's desk awaiting signature

Sutton reviewed the passage of the bill, and described the last minute amendment which will require colleges to carry a \$2 million insurance liability, instead of the originally proposed \$1 million. The amendment was introduced by Sen. Thomas Crowley (D-Chittenden).

After stressing St. Michael's role in the passage of the bill the college initiated the fight for a Rathskellar bill in 1971), Sutton said, "This proves one thing, I hope; that even in Vermont, if you're persistant enough and pester enough people long enough, you'll get it done."

Senate Treasurer Chuck Cavadini presented the March financial report. "All clubs and organizations are in good shape and right about where they should be in expenditure", Cavadini said.

Brian Rooke of personnel and nominations committee said that Thomas Keenan, incoming vice-president, had formed his committee and will be accepting applications for committee chairman posts until Monday, April 10. Interviews for these positions will be held Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

S.A. President Dave Marchi gave his closing address to the senate. Marchi said that his "one goal had been to initiate a student government that would be respected by the administration and was responsive to the students".

He called his year one of revision and addition to which student input was reborn. "I found out that the students really care", Marchi said.

In closing, Marchi expressed his gratitude to the executive board, committee chairman, faculty members and all those who have helped him in his administration.

Brian Rooke, the new S.A. president, said in his opening address that he hoped to maintain the "continuing committment to excellence that Dave (Marchi) began". He said his administration would strive for consistency and a high level of

motivation.

At their April 11 meeting,
Mike Samara spoke with the
senate about the questions that
had been raised on campus
concerning the recent drug
related arrests of SMC students.

Samara addressed two issues. He said there would be no random room searches and that there is no surveillance of students going on.

Samara expressed his desire to keep "in-house problems in house". He will be meeting with administrators and student leaders shortly to discuss these problems.

Student Life Committee Chairman Donna Tyrrell announced that the new student guide went before the Trustees Student Life Committee and was approved with no major changes.

The guide will now be reviewed by a lawyer for any questions of legality.

Senate moderator Don Sutton gave the senate an update on the rathskellar. "The insurance is not as high as we thought it would be", Sutton said. He also stressed that any site housing a rathskellar must comply with Vermont state law.

Under new business, S.A. Vice-President Tom Keenan proposed a by-law amendment which would give the S.A. President voting power in circumstances where his vote would break or create a tie, or change a ¾ majority. The motion was defeated.

Paula Murphy, chairman, Alliot Governing Board, discussed the problems concerning the game machines in Alliot Hall, and announced that the television would be moved to the upstairs lounge in the near future.

Murphy also announced a tentative coffee house and movie weekend on April 23, 24, and 25.

# Canine fugitive fined after chase in Tulsa

In a poignant tale of hound vs. hounder that hearkens to a drama as timeless and classic as love and death, the Tulsa World chronicled the "tail" of the city's newest Flash.

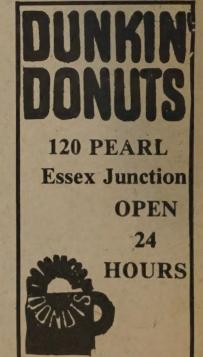
Seems Blackie was frolicking about the street when he was spotted by an itinerant dogcatcher. When Blackie noticed the dogcatcher running toward him, he took off like a dirty shirt — straight for home. Cleverly eluding the dogcatcher, Blackie leapt through the hole in the torn screen of owner Molly Wolf's front door.

The enraged dogcatcher stalked up to the door — and handed Molly a \$20 speeding ticket. Blackie, he said, was doing 30 mph in a 25 mph zone.

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# Faculty rejects delay in GPA requirements

by Tom Liptak

A controversial student life committee proposal to have the present juniors and sophomores exempt from the new grade point average (GPA) requirements for graduation honors was defeated by a 3-1 margin by the faculty at a meeting on March 22.

The motion, chiefly the work of Ed Curvino and Donna Tyrrell, had been presented to the curriculum committee where a deadlocked vote of 4-4, with Academic Dean Vernon F. Gallagher abstaining, had

Regarding his abstention, Gallagher said, "The motion had to be brought before the full faculty. I could have broken the tie but it would have been irrelevant."

But Curvino said that Gallagher's vote might have made a difference. "Had the Academic Dean pressed for the students' point of view, some of the undecided faculty members may have been persuaded to grant the delay.

Many of the teachers who voted to deny the request apparently believe that grade inflation has caused the significance of graduation with honors to lessen.

According Gallagher, 142 of the 300 students who graduated in June last year received honors.

"A distinction that everybody shares is not a distinction at all," the Dean said.

Dr. Tumulty, who voted in favor of the motion, said, "I understand that the faculty is concerned with grade inflation. My thought was that since the faculty gives the grades that there was something better that could be done."

In making its proposal, the student life committee was mainly interested with the consistency of the student guide. Donna Tyrrell, a senior and chairman of the student life committee, is worried that the student's level of motivation would be hurt by the new re-

"I talked to a lot of students who feel as though they're getting burnt," Tyrrell said. "The new levels are justified and necessary but I don't think they're fair for the juniors because they don't have a sufficient number of semesters to fulfill the new requirements."

The original proposal included the exemption of the class of 1980 (present sophomores) from the new GPA requirements. But when the proposal didn't pass in the curriculum committee the student life committee decided to concentrate its efforts on the junior class.

This is the first time that either Tyrrell or Curvino can remember that the students have compromised but the faculty hasn't.

"We were willing to com-

promise," Curvino said. "While some faculty members saw the importance of a year's delay, the majority were either too stubborn or too ignorant to recognize the legitimate nature of the students' position.'

The student life committee plans to go right to the top, by taking their proposal to the Board of Trustees.

"I am going to write a letter to Father Morin, chairman of the Board of Trustees' educational policy committee, and ask that the motion be put on the agenda for the May meeting of 1978," Tyrrell said.

"The Trustees have the final choice," Curvino said. "They are the final decision makers."

# Radio station fends charges

by Doris Purdy

A commnication gap between General Manager John A. McDonnell and Gifford R. Hart Jr., faculty moderator, is causing static at the WWPV radjo station.

Hart received complaints about the WWPV staff being "somewhat exclusive." Comments have led him to believe that the station's operations have not been opened to as many students that would have liked to be involved.

Contrary to Hart's hearsay reports, McDonnell defends the station saying there is no clique. "We have never turned a sincerely interested kid away," McDonnell states.

The station started out this year with an entirely new and diverse staff. Students who hold the top positions and best announcing time slots have had to work for them. "They're the ones who do the cleaning up and the rest of the dirty work," McDonnell maintains.

Hart's second complaint was that there was a casual attitude towards locking up at night. "Premises of the building have been left opened after 2 a.m.'

The student who is off the air last is responsible for locking up the station. McDonnell said that every announcer is aware of this rule.

"The potential for WWPV is high, but I'm not sure if they have any set objective," Hart said. In the past years Hart says the station has been well organized, but now he claims, "I don't know why they are doing what they are doing.

McDonnell boasted with satisfaction that they are establishing an identity. Each announcer is attempting to give his own show a unique personality.

Hart revealed that the two main issues of personel exclusiveness and security problems are in the process of being worked out. McDonnell said he hadn't spoken to Hart since the end of January and was unaware of his complaints.

Hart said he was a low-profile moderator for the station. He said he left the degree of his involvement up to the five member executive board.

McDonnell reports "apathy from Giff" towards the station, but admits he may be partially at fault for not going to Hart more often. He said a full-time participating advisor at the station could be the answer to many problems.

But some people are so afraid that they won't go to the

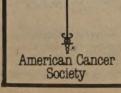
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They're afraid the doctor might "find some thing." This kind of fear can prevent them from discover ing cancer in the early stages when it is most often curable.

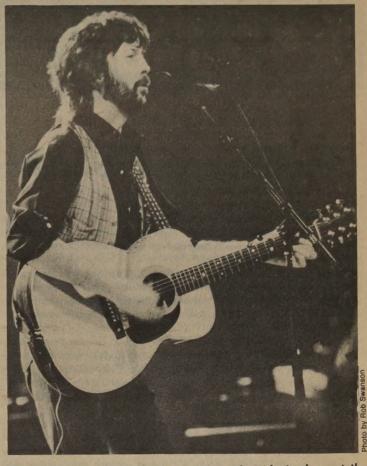
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Eric Clapton slow hands his way through Friday's show at the Montreal Forum. The former Blind Faith, Dominoes, and Cream guitarist treated the capacity international audience to a crosssection of rock and roll history as he blended old work with cuts

## Kroger's article explains theology

by Maureen DePledge

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion was held this past Dec. 28-31 in San Francisco, CA. Among its members present was Dr. Joseph W. Kroger, assistant professor of religions studies at St. Michael's College, presenting his paper "Functional Specializations In a Theology of Discovery."

The paper, given at the San Francisco Hilton, is concerned with explaining what theology is in regard to the nature of its discipline. Kroger said his paper "can be considered a constructive exercise in what might be called the foundational task of theology."

The American Academy of Religion, an established organization, holds its yearly convention at different locations. Members include university and college professors from all over the country. The convention lasts three days and is "sort of a huge seminar" for its participants.

Before speakers are selected, they must submit their papers to a judging committee. This committee chooses the papers to be presented and schedules the convention accordingly. The members attend presentations throughout the three days, discussing various issues of theology.

Kroger has published "Theology and Notions of Reasons and Science: A Note on a Point of Comparison in Lonergan and Polanyi" and "Polanyi and Lonergan on Scientific Method."

He hopes sometime to publish his recent paper but has no plans for its publication in the near future.

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the cost of building new dorms.

The North Campus buildings would have needed new wiring and plumbing because they do not conform to state building codes, Pomerleau

He added that St. Michael's would also like to eventually consolidate into one campus.

Pomerleau said the new dorms are a good investment for the future because students are no longer satisfied with the "cubicles" in older dorms. They prefer an apartment atmosphere, he explained.

But if the apartments don't work for St. Michael's, they can always be leased commercially, he noted.

The new dorm will contain 12 apartments and will be air conditioned, Pomerleau said. The red brick building will be three stories tall, 21/2 of which will be above ground.

Each apartment will have a good sized kitchen, four bedrooms and a living area, he

Construction will start in late April or early May. Pomerleau is confident the building will be finished by September. But Whitney said tentative plans have been made in case it is



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## Letters to the editor=

# -Editorial

## **Obstinate Faculty**

"The decision was made by the faculty . . . and while they may be very lenient with themselves, they are a stubborn bunch of individuals and have proven themselves totally unresponsive to the student body as a whole."

When Ed Curvino made this blistering indictment at the April 4 student senate meeting, there was not much of an outcry over it. As a matter of fact, no one supported the faculty's decision not to exempt the class of 1979 from the new GPA requirements for

According to information made available to the faculty by Donna Tyrrell and the student life committee, a student who would obtain summa cum laude standing now would not be able to reach that level. Imagine going into your senior year with a 3.8 average, and discovering that the honor you had worked six semesters for was now out of your reach.

The class of 1979 is not the only group getting the short end of the stick in this deal. The class of 1980 was included in the original motion put before the curriculum committee, but they were totally ignored by the faculty. After all, what weight do roughly 400 tuition-paying students carry with the persons who receive most of this tuition money as salaries?

Of course, that is not suggesting that the faculty be subservient to the student body. If that were the case, total pandomonium would reign supreme. But, the faculty cannot continue to operate in this manner without due consideration of student opinions.

True, the faculty has been very unresponsive to the student body as a whole. So how does the student body now go about righting this wrong? The student life committee is going to petition the educational policy committee of the board of trustees to hear its case. This group has some respect for the opinions of the people

The Michaelman hopes that when Donna Tyrrell presents this measure to the committee for its approval it will roll back these requirements. In this way, perhaps the trustees won't make liars out of those student leaders who say that, "the students are being

-BJA

#### The Michaelman

All letters to the editor must be signed, although names will be withheld in certain instances after consultation with the editor. Campus or offcampus address and phone number must accompany each letter. The editor reserves the right to edit or omit any letter for the sake of space or clarity. While all letters may not be published, the newspaper will make an effort to publish those reflecting a diversity of opinion.

Deadline for all copy is Monday noon. Material must be typed, double-

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Faculty advisor Richard A. Raquier To the Editor:

I am once again disappointed in the present student newspaper. Your last edition (March 17, 1978) seemed to forget to mention anything about Winter Weekend '78 which happened one week prior to that edition. As chairman of the Student Association Social Committee, I was shocked that this was not a newsworthy event. Let me remind you that you thought at least two-thirds of the student body participated in the weekend's activities. This included about 900 students in the North Campus gym Friday night, over 1000 students at Smuggler's Notch for an entire

day of relaxation and activities Saturday, and the largest, most talent-filled coffeehouse in Alliot Hall, not to mention the college's first Backgammon Tournament. Maybe it was because you felt that since so many students participated they wouldn't want to read about it or was it that the entire weekend came off without a hitch. Maybe that's it!! There was nothing negative about the weekend, in fact it was a successful, positive weekend and maybe that is why it was not newsworthy for the student newspaper. I hope that in future editions of the student newspaper you try to appreciate the positive aspects on

our campus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the countless number of people that helped me and my committee to make this a positive and successful weekend. Without you people it could not have happened.

> Sincerely, Gene Cullen S.A. Social Comm.

(Editor's Note — Forty-eight column inches of space in the March 17 issue of The Michaelman was devoted to Winter Weekend. This consisted of photos, one of which was on the front page, and explanatory text.

Gene Cullen may disagree with the editorial decision to cover Winter Weekend pictorially, but it is not fair to maintain that there was no

coverage.)

To the editor:

Recently I read an article by Captain Michael Hayden of St. Michael's aerospace studies department. The article appeared in the March issue of the faculty newsletter, Insight and was entitled "ROTC — A scholarship that often goes begging." The article centered around the question, "Can Air Force ROTC survive at Saint Michael's?" Enrollment statistics were cited for the fall and spring semesters. These were evaluated in the light of requirements set by the Air Force for a "cost effective" unit. Last semester the program was in danger of being put on probation by the Air Force but after an intensive recruiting campaign, the "outlook for the future remains confident." The concluding paragraph asked for the faculty's "continued support" of the program.

I have a question I would like to address to the Trustees, to the administration, to the faculty and to the students. Should St. Michael's College, as a private Catholic liberal arts college, founded and sponsored by the Society of Saint Edmund, have an AFROTC program? I

believe this question to be of a more fundamental nature.

Quoting from the statement of mission: "The mission of St. Michael's College, therefore, is to provide a liberal education in the light of the Catholic faith and its developing tradition." Is providing "continued support" for an ROTC program consistent with the "Catholic faith and its developing tradition?" believe the answer to this question is no. Therefore, I believe that as long as St. Michael's College sponsors or "supports" an Air Force ROTC program, we stand contrary to our own Statement of Mission!

In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Vatican II calls for "an evaluation of war with an entirely new attitude." The Council's evaluation with regard to area destruction, the ultimate end of a nuclear war, goes as follows: "Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation." This is surely a strong statement as it is the only time

in the entire encyclical that the word "condemnation" is used! Vatican II practically eliminates the possibility for a "just war" in the modern world. This comes from the fact that nuclear war has been condemned and wars of "conventional" types are fought hand in hand with the threat of nu-

With this in mind, can St. Michael's College sponsor a program which prepares its students for participation in an organization designed to wage nuclear war (be it offensive or defensive), and still be consistent with the "Catholic faith and its developing tradition"? Again I answer this question with an emphatic "No!"

I believe each member of the college community must ask himself and others this question. Please examine it closely and carefully within the "light of the Catholic faith and its developing tradition" as the Statement of Mission would have us do. I welcome any insights or reflections on this question. Thank you for your interest.

> Sincerely, Daniel R. Palmateer

To the Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to say to St. Michael's College "Thank you for being a friend." If I ever had any doubts, they were all put to rest at the '78 Multiple Sclerosis Dance Marathon. I always wanted to help do something for people who were less fortunate than I am. I even surprised myself that I could do

I would like to thank, in a very special way, Ray, Mike, Rosie, Mel, Jackie, Bob, Ed, Sharon, Kim, Dave, Andy,

Jean, Dave, Marie, Munch, Franc, Lisa, and third floor Lyons. All I can say to all of you is thank you from the bottom of my heart and I will see you next year.

> Thank you again, Liz McCaffrey

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our ITANKS to all those students who volunteered much of their time in helping us out over the Dance Marathon weekend. Without your help, the Marathon would not have been the great success that it was! Once again, we thank

Sincerely yours Ray Chaquette Mike Frac M's Co-chairmen

P.S. Anyone interested in coordinating next year's Marathon should contact us at Box 55 for more information.

To the Editor:

I would like to commend all those who were involved with the Multiple Scierosis Dance Marathon on the weekend of March 17-19. It was a very successful event.

There is one very special person who moved everyone associated with the marathon over the weekend. Liz McCaffrey showed her determination and sincere effort by dancing for 40 hours to help others. Not only did Liz gain a standing ovation from the entire Ross Sports Center but she gained the respect and admiration of everyone associated with her. GOOD JOB LIZ!!!

Bill Gamelli





# Fear and loathing in Montpelier

by Michael J. Donahue

Multiples of—fear and loathing in Montpelier around two weeks ago. The legislature was fearful that the session would go overtime and God knows they were loathe to do so. You see legislative bodies as a group are a lot like college kids, they save all of their work for the last possible moment. When the deadline looms menacingly over them they go full-time crazy and they pull something similar to the dreaded "all-nighter." The only difference is that they don't, as a group, take speed.

As you might have read in another campus publication (I won't mention the name, but its initials are R.A. and that is not resident assistant), the Rathskeller bill was finally passed. A hearty hand-clasp and a pat on the back should be extended to Don Sutton for his tireless efforts in pushing for this legislation.

Unfortunately, more often than not, that's all the recompense Don Sutton gets. It is my sincere hope that this campus, and the state of Vermont, realize what a great and valuable man Sutton is.

Okay, here is the bummer Sen. Thomas Crowley laid on the Rathskeller bill. Sen. Crowley, in his infinite wisdom, tacked on a rider to the bill which was designed to kill it. He sees some advantage in making college campuses acquire \$2 million of liability insurance before opening the bar doors. The excessive premiums may make the rathskeller economically unfeasible on the SMC campus. A million thanks, no, make that two million, to Tom; for nothing.

If that wasn't a big enough downer, I have another. The pot bill which I staked my "meager reputation" on a scant few weeks ago, failed miserably.

What defeated this bill? Was it rational and reasoned argument? Was it new, persuasive, scientific evidence which was posited to the legislators during their final late-night session?

No, it was the same type of emotionalism which typified years gone by. The sole reason for the defeat of this bill was a vintage "Reefer Madness" speech by Sen. Chester Scott (R.-Windsor). I didn't witness the speech and I'm glad I didn't; I've been told it is bad form to vomit in the balcony when the legislature is in session.

The gist of the damning speech was this: At one time Scott's son was a hopeless junkie. Sounds like Smack, the whole bit. It seems that Scott is convinced that marijuana is the reason his son got so screwed up. You'll be relieved to hear that Scott's son is recovered with a wife and children, who may become drug addicts themselves. Que Sera, sera, you know.

Scott said, "It (marijuana) is the doorknob to hell. The law should be stiffened." Scott opposed the bill on his son's recommendation.

What kind of CRAP is that? "Doorknob to hell"? That sounds like it came out of one of those anti-pot propaganda films of the thirties.

Don't get me wrong, I feel for Scott's kid and the last thing I'd wish on anybody, friend or foe, is drug addiction. I feel it's a crying shame, however, when a useful and necessary law is killed because of the weakness of one lawmaker's son. Perhaps we should outlaw St. Joseph's Children's Aspirin because that was probably one of the first drugs he took. I say that simply for the fact that it points out how the casual argument concerning pot borders on the absurd.

That's pretty much it for the legislature. Not a pretty story, but I'm sure we'll muddle through somehow.

Until next time stay high and remember, Big Brother is watching.



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- 3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
- 4. Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere.
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## **Endless debate**

## Gun control-pro

by Mark Ciociola

The brutal death of a prominent politician or national statesman prompts elements within American society to call for vigorous national legislation on gun control. Yet with the passage of time (not to mention vigorous lobbying by the American Rifle Association) the cries for such legislation recede into historical memory, while America awaits the next national tragedy to revive the call. Sadly, a vigorous bill on gun control is sorely lacking.

My somewhat unscientific eye ventures to posit the following hypothesis: American is — for whatever sociological reason — a violent society. Assassinations of political leaders such as the Kennedys or Martin Luther King are only the glaring veneer of much of the violence that marks all segments of American society. Murders through gun violence not only mar the lives of the economically destitute but those of the middle and upper classes. Most often such violence is not among unknown belligerents but among friends, acquaintances and members of one's own family. The proliferation of the cheap and easily accessible "Saturday Night Specials" is widespread. Society should be alarmed by this phenomenon yet they remain defiant of gun control or quiescent.

The American public is content with arguments which ostensibly maintain high constitutional principles: Is it not an inherent constitutional right, they argue, to bear arms? Perhaps so, but murder rates in our nation's cities and suburbs continue to climb. Moreover, one should be wary of such hackneyed phrases that "guns don't kill, people do." It should be safe to assume that as educated adults we could peer through this ludicrous statement. Yet the public accepts this cliche psychology uncritically without viewing the devastating ramifications of the lack of vigorous gun control.

The "federal" argument is often popular: It will be argued for the principle of states' rights that such legislation should be a local concern. Yet gun violence transcends artificial state boundaries and should be handled on a national scale. Furthermore, I cannot subscribe to the vigilante mentality that one should purchase a gun for self protection from a violent society. There appears to be a contradiction in such thought. Such actions merely serve to proliferate the sale of guns and exacerbate the chances of violence.

Thus national gun control legislation may not erase America's penchant for violence, but it can be a positive, albeit small step in the right direction.

### Gun control — con

by Michael Conway

In 1976 Massachusetts voters soundly defeated a proposal introduced by Sheriff John J. Buckley that would have put stringent controls on guns in the state. Still the state has some of the most harsh gun control laws in the nation. The crime rate, however, remains high and violent crimes happen every day.

Supporters of gun control have not yet realized that they are approaching the gun control problem from the wrong direction. The problem rests not with the gun but with the person who uses it. All the controls in the world can be enacted but none can ever be harsh enough to stop the criminal from acquiring a gun.

The black market dealing in guns would surely become more efficient and a criminal would always have quick access to a gun. Even if it were possible to confiscate all guns, the person remains. Anyone who would use a gun for violent means would have no problem in turning to other, more brutal and lethal weapons.

Of course, supporters also say they want to prevent unfortunate gun accidents. With appropriate training courses, this problem would be quickly eradicated. Are the supporters of gun control and the government trying to tell the average citizen what is good and what is bad for him? It is a frightful thought if they are.

Many guns in the country today are used for recreational activities like skeet shooting and marksmanship tournaments. Citizens who partake in these sports would disproportionately suffer.

Guns are also utilized for protection by homeowners who fear the legions of ruthless criminals roving the country today. When a government no longer adequately protects its citizens they must take on that burden themselves. A policeman cannot be on every corner at every moment.

The voters of Massachusetts illustrated their wishes to the "enlightened" liberals. The people do not desire to give up a constitutional right with alacrity. The voters, in fact, told the government to enforce the established laws and process the criminals through the court system with harsher sentences as a result. The gun itself, the voters believe, is not the problem, but the criminals behind them. Too bad our leaders are lagging behind our wishes.

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# \$36,000 pledged in MS marathon

by William O'Keefe

The 40th hour approached, the music in the Ross Sports Center refused to let up and the participants' energy made it seem like they could go 40 more.

That was the scene Sunday night as the Multiple Sclerosis Dance Marathon came to a successful end on the Saint Michael's College campus.

Jeanne Morrissey and Jeff Vittelli of the University of Vermont were the winning couple. The duo raised over \$3,000 for the cause In second place were Mark and Mary Wyand raising \$2,900. Kim Kubick and David Liproace represented St. Michael's in the 3rd place spot with a total of \$1,100.

The winning couple will receive a \$500 scholarship each, the 2nd place couple a \$300 scholarship and the 3rd place couple a \$200 scholarship.

The Wescotts, a family of six, came out in full force, dancing the whole 40 hours.

Members of the WJOY radio staff were masters of

ceremonies for the marathon, keeping the music and the people going.

There were no major casualties throughout the weekend. Out of the 248 persons who started, 211 survived the ordeal. Michal Frac, one of the organizers for the event, said most people left with cases of "sore feet".

The event raised approximately \$36,000 which was an increase of \$6,000 over last year's marathon.

An awards banquet is planned for April 16, to present awards to the contestants.

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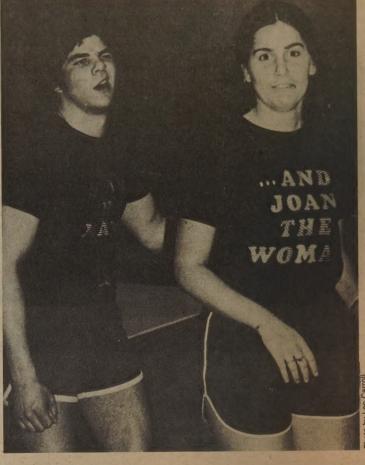
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to cause birth defects — and

24D, another toxic herbicide

directed toward the elimination

of poppies.



Joan the Woman grins while Stan the Man grimaces after completing the fortieth and final hour of the Multiple Sclerosis Dance Marathon in the Ross Sports Center.

# Paraquat renders pot dangerous to smokers

Since 1975, a quiet but lethal operation known as "Condor" in the drug underground has been spraying South American marijuana fields with a toxic berbicide

It works like this: the U.S. gives \$13 million a year to the Mexican government in planes and Huey-type helicopters. It trains pilots to fly the helicopters and provides them with spraying facilities and infra-red devices to spot the huge fields of marijuana cultivated by peasants in mountainous regions south of the border.

Last month the story broke when it was discovered that nearly 10 percent of the recent seizures of marijuana in the southwest contained residues of a poisonous weed-killing chemical highly toxic to humans. Known as Paraquat, the chemical is bought by the Mexican government from Imperial Chemical in Furnhurst, England.

Up until now, the White House Council on Drug Abuse has claimed that marijuana sprayed with paraquat turned into a fine, white dust and could never be harvested. Last month, they stated that in the event of harvest, it was unlikely that any contamination over 500 parts per million was possible and that the weed would look sickly, yellowish and contain burn holes in its leaves.

However, drug officials have since discovered at least one

shipment containing more than 650 parts per million. That sample resembled normal mexican, without any of the "identifying" characteristics. The council is currently running tests to discover whether smoking the contaminated weed is hazardous to your health.

In an effort to halt DEA and other State Department sponsorship of massive aerial spraying, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) is considering legal action by filing suit under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Act requires that all government agencies undertaking projects with significance on US health must file an Environmental Impact Statement.

The present defoliant policy was originated by the International Narcotics Control Program (INCP) in 1971. INCP is chaired by the Secretary of State and the director of the CIA.

Since 1971, INCP has funneled \$200 million in equipment into Latin America and Southeast Asia for the destruction of a variety of drugs. The DEA has given Venezuela helicopters to soak marijuana fields along the Columbia border with Tordon 101, a Vietnam-tested defoliant.

In addition to Paraquat and Tordon 101, other chemicals are being used on marijuana with U.S. support. These include the infamous Vietnam

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# Mesmerizer will offer self-hypnosis seminar

Those of you who saw James Mapes' recent appearance at St. Michael's College may be happy to know he's coming back:

James Mapes, the founder-director of the New York Center for Hypnosis and Mind Control, will be conducting a three-and-a-half hour workshop on self-hypnosis April 30;

The fee for the seminar is \$10, and only the first 100 people will be allowed to attend.

All checks should be made out to St. Michael's College. Money will be refunded if less than 100 people register.

For further information, contact Jeff Good, Joyce 157. All checks should be mailed to Good.

## Folk group produces liturgical music album



by Cori Fugere Features Editor

My Lord is of the Gentle Wind is the title of the album being produced by several members of the Saint Michael's College

The album consists of all original music composed by several St. Michael's students and Steven Warner, musical director. Warner wrote the words and music for seven of the songs. He also wrote the music for "Holy, Holy, Holy" and also wrote an original piece. Kathy Cain and Ken Hebert wrote words and music for their own original songs. "Babylon is Fallen", an Early American worship song, is also included in the album.

The production of the album was the "initial hope" of Warner. However, he added that the Rev. Stephen Hornat has handled all of the administrative duties. "It's Father Steve's diligence that really has kept the project going. He's been the mediator between the folk group and the administration," Warner added.

The music is all liturgical music "mainly done in folk tradition-whichever way you wish to define that," Warner said. The main instruments us-

ed in the recording are 12 and 6 string guitars, flutes and basses. There is one song played on the piano and one on a dulcimer. The latter song is "an interesting combination of Kentucky or Appalachian dulcimer and Gregorian chant," Warner said.

Original drafts of the songs were critiqued by the Revs. Richard Berube, David Bryan, Paul Couture and Dr. Paul LeClair. The drafts were then rewritten based on the cri-

A tremendous amount of work has been put into the production of the album, according to the musical director. Warner added that the recordings have to be as close to perfect as possible. This was difficult to do since so many people are involved, he said.

The recording was done on 16-track equuipment. There was one session for guitars, one for flutes and violins, one for the chorus, and a session for the combined group. These sessions lasted from four to six hours. Some of the rehearsals began in September and some began in January. Many persons involved have been practicing about 10 hours a week for the folk group. Warner said the "commitments have been very, very good."

A tentative price of \$5.95 has been set for the album. Copyrights have been applied for, so the album may be sold anywhere, Warner said. On campus, they will be available at the bookstore and in Alliot

"The greater part of the profit, if any, will be rechanneled back into the Office of Campus Ministry for further liturgical programs and liturgical instruction for students and members of the diocese," Warner said.

The liturgical programs would include conferences hosted by Saint Michael's and summer workshops for the diocese. "My goal is to have the chapel become a liturgical resource center for the Diocese of Burlington, which includes the entire state of Vermont," Warner said.

To produce the album, Warner has worked with the college, President Edward L. Henry, the administration, critique people, and diocese's liturgical board.

Warner, who has been involved with liturgies for ten years, said the album will be released by graduation, "barring any problems.'

## **VAAS** presents literary works

collegiate Student Symposium sponsored by the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences will take place on April 15, at Saint Michael's College, according to symposium chairman F.N. Clary, Jr., a trustee of the Academy.

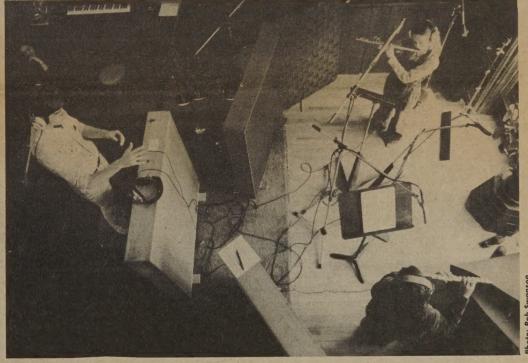
Works in literary criticism, creative writing, and the natural and social sciences have been submitted to selection committees by students representing eight Vermont Colleges. The committees are composed of faculty members from various colleges. These selections will be read during the sessions which will be followed by discussion and criticism.

"Outstanding material may be published in one of the Academy's Occasional Papers whose subscribers include Harvard University and the University of Wisconsin", said Ruth Barnard, president of the VAAS. Students whose work is presented at the symposium will receive a certificate of recognition from the VAAS.

The symposium, which takes place on a different campus each year, enables students to present their work to persons outside of their own college community.

Professor Arthur Hessler of St. Michael's biology department will be the chairman of the natural science session and Professor William Wilson of the political science department will lead the social science ses-

Registration and coffee will start off the day's program in Alliot Hall at 9 a.m.



Above: Ann Marie Hovie and Debbie Rondeau run through a flute piece while Steve Warner directs. Above left: Bass player Michael McMahon has a laugh between takes.

## Students Exhibit Art in McCarthy

by Susan Roberts

A student art exhibit is on display in the art gallery at the McCarthy Arts Center.

Much of the work was taken from student portfolios. On display are sculptures done by first year art students using sophomore Dennis Bancroft as a model. Bancroft modeled during class sessions for about two months before the busts were completed. Each artist had a different interpretation of the model. One of the busts is plain white concrete, and others are plaster with varnish."

display are a marble frog by Nick Kernstock and an abstract head, also carved out of marble, by Bob Brunelle. Brunelle said it took two and a half months to complete, working an average of eight hours a week.

Also featured at the exhibit are paper sculptures of boots and shoes done in an introductory class under the direction of Lance Richbourg. The artists used their own shoes as models; some kept the paper plain, and others chose to paint them. Some used real laces. One stu-

Two other sculptures on a dent used burlap to cover the sculpture of a sneaker, another used a sponge for a sole. Different kinds of shoes were sculpted, including sneakers and workboots. One artist used a Frye boot as a model.

Other works include a series of still life and self portraits done in charcoal. Bob Brunelle and Anne Salmon, first year students, each did selfportraits.

Also on display are graphics, including silk-screened posters advertising plays from last semester. Other types of woodblocking and linoleumblock printing.

Many of the portraits were done in watercolor, one of the more difficult paints with which to work. In addition there are oil portraits, done on both canvas and paper.

The art department, sponsor of the exhibit, hosted a reception at its opening on April 5.

If anyone wishes to contribute to future exhibits, contact Roy Kennedy or Lance Richbourg of the art department.



# SPORTS

## Strike Two-mey

#### By Bill Twomey Sports Editor

Greetin's! For the pro sports fan, spring is a most wonderful time of year. Just stop and think about it, in the span of a few weeks one can witness the opening of the baseball season and the playoffs in the N.H.L. and N.B.A.

The spring is also the time of year when sportswriters around the country must put their heads on the chopping block and predict just who will win what. Now, in the first column this scribe has ever written, he will subject himself to ridicule and embarassment in public by making his own predictions.

Let's begin with my own personal favorite, baseball. A few short years ago, people, especially football fans, were insisting that Baseball was dying. I said to them then, and say to them now... BUNK! The recent free-agent deals, trades and old-fashioned rivalries will make 1978 a banner year for the "National Pastime."

Concerning that aspect of Baseball that is of the greatest concern in the local area, I will make what seems to be an unpopular prediction. With all due respect to the old saying "Never bet against your own team," I pick the Boston Red Sox to win the Eastern Division of the American league. (En Garde Mike M., Joe G., Dean C. etc., etc.,

Sure, I realize Yankee fans think I'm out of my #\$&%\* mind, and yes, I may not be allowed to buy anything at "Qwik Stop" anymore, but I'll stick with the Sox.

Contrary to their tradition, the Red Sox have actually made some deals that have strengthened the team. These seem to have solved the problems that led to their demise last year, namely, pitching, bench strength and second base. The Sox also have an awesome batting order, as was proven last season.

Ah, but the Yankees you say! How can anybody match up against a team with the likes of Jackson, Munson, Riveres, Nettles and crew? In all honesty, any team with the overall excellence the Yanks possess is tough not to favor. The race should be a dogfight between the two superpowers with Detroit, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Toronto, in that order, closing out the field.

In the Western Division of the A.L., Kansas City should repeat as champs with Texas, California and Chicago close behind.

Switching to the National League, the Cincinnati Reds and the Los Angeles Dodgers will once again lock horns for the top spot in the Western Division. I pick the Dodgers here, on the strength of their fine pitching staff.

Philadelphia is the class of the N.L. East, the one division that might not feature a tight race to the flag. Pittsburgh has all the tools except a bullpen. Two teams that might surprise people in this division are the St. Louis Cardinals and the Montreal Expos.

There are other sports besides baseball, so let's move on the N.H.L. and N.B.A. playoffs.
In hockey, only one name need actually be mentioned, the

Montreal Canadiens. The Habs never get tired of winning the Stanley Cup and this year will be no exception.

The Philadelphia 76'ers seem like a sure bet to win the N.B.A. championship. Portland has been plagued by injuries and has lost a lot of momentum going into the playoffs. Both the Denver Nuggets and the San Antonio Spurs must be considered threats to take the crown

# PSI house captures poly-hockey crown

#### by Sue Dickinson

Before vacation, PSI won the poly-hockey championship with a 4-2 victory over G-E. To get to the finals PSI defeated Theta, and G-E beat Omega 5-4.

In women's basketball recently, Muchii upset previously undefeated Kappa 16 to 13. Kappa's Mary Davis was high scorer with eight points. OTR defeated Kappa 18 to 14. OTR's Kathy Budney and Kappa's Davis each had eight points.

In the A-League Basketball playoffs, Zeta beat FBN 58 to 52, Omega edged out NU 58-51 and Sigma lost to Zeta 63-49. PSI slipped past Omega 49 to 47 and then went on to capture the championship with a 65-44 drubbing of Zeta.

The B-League was also the scene of playoff action. G-E-squeezed by PSI 38-37. Omega lost to A-D by the score of 54-49 and Bean's Bombers beat Bangers 45-40. Joyce trampled Tempo 46-17 and then went on to win the off-campus championship with a 52-46 victory over Bean's Bombers.

In other action, G-E nipped Sigma 49-48 and A-D defeated Zeta 54-43. G-E went on to beat A-D 35-27 for the on-campus championship.



The Rugby "A" and "B" teams scrimmage in preparation for the second contest of the season against Albany at the North Campus field tomorrow. The ruggers booted their season opener 18-12 at Boston College last Saturday.

# SMC girls softball squad set for upcoming season

by Bill Twomey

An improved and aggressive offense could be the key to victory when the SMC Girl's Softball Team takes the field on April 18 against Green Mountain College.

Coach Sue Duprat and squadare pursuing the first win in the history of the four-year-old program. Last year the team finished with an 0-10 record.

"The major problem we had last year was our inability to generate runs," said Duprat. "Our pitching and defense kept us in several games. This season should be different, I think we have a lot more firepower."

Come opening day, the lineup will likely find Senior Sue Dickinson playing right field, Senior Mary Horan at shortstop, Sophomore Kathy Lochner at third and Noelle Thabault at second base. Other possible starters include Freshman Kathy O'Neil as catcher, Freshman Gail Owen in center field, Sophomore Carol Sarno at first base, Mary Beth Sonski pitching, and Dawn Stanger in left field.

"This season most of our offensive power should come from Horan, O'Neil, Stanger, Lochner and Sarno," said Duprat. "Base running will also be a major aspect. Pama Bushey, O'Neil, Lochner and Tracy Nugent are all good base runners and threat to steal bases."

This spring, Coach Duprat was faced with a "pleasant problem." A great turnout during tryouts has left her with a number of fine players, all of whom cannot start at once. "This is the kind of problem I don't mind having," said Duprat. I'm going to try and keep as many of the 26 players as possible."

Contenders for spots on the team include Paula Devereaux, Joline Dion, Maura Finn, Ellen meister, Elena Nugent, Paula Nawrocki and Jean

Waskiewicz.

Duprat described this year's team as "young and strong with a good future ahead of it."



